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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2005 Senate Bill 655**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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*Senate Bill 655* requires the Joint Legislative Council to, in each biennium, create a special committee on strengthening Wisconsin families. The special committee must study issues relating to strengthening Wisconsin families and develop specific recommendations and legislative proposals relating to these issues. The bill lists 13 topics that are among the topics the committee may address.

*Assembly Amendment 1* makes the following changes to the bill:

- Requires the Joint Legislative Council to direct the committee to study issues related to strengthening Wisconsin families.
- Adds as a topic that the special committee may be directed to study, the establishment of a state council to improve coordination among state agencies of programs that affect families; to set priorities for state agencies based on community and family needs; to consolidate funding for programs and services that affect families; and to encourage communities to form local collaborative entities to coordinate, decrease duplication of, and streamline the delivery of services provided by public and private entities to families, children, and youth.
- Decreases the minimum number of legislative members to be appointed to the committee from six to four.
- Sunsets the committee after three sessions.

### Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Children and Families offered Assembly Amendment 1. On April 27, 2006, the committee adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0, and recommended concurrence in the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1.

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